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The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holy-days in all Things, except where it is hereafter otherwiſe appointed.

The Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ Let him that miniſtereth read with a loud Voice theſe Sentences of Scripture:

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveneſſes, though we have rebelled againſt him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he ſet before us. Dan. ix. 9, 10.

O Lord, correct us, but with judgement; not in thine anger, leſt thou bring us to nothing. Jer. x. 24.

¶ Inſtead

¶ Inſtead of *Venite, exultemus*, ſhall be uſed this Hymn following; one Verſe by the Prieſt, and another by the Clerk and People.

RIghteous art thou, O Lord: and juſt are thy judgements. Pſal. cxix. 137.

We had ſinned with our fathers: we had done amiſs, and dealt wickedly. *Pſal.* cvi. 6.

Therefore didſt thou make us like a fiery oven in time of thy wrath: the Lord did deſtroy us in his diſpleaſure, and the fire did conſume us. Pſal. xxi. 9.

We became a reproach to our enemies: they that looked upon us, ſhaked their heads at us. *Pſal.* cix. 4.

But thou didſt turn thee again at the laſt: and haſt been gracious unto thy ſervants. Pſal. xc. 13.

For the Lord will not always be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever. *Pſal.* ciii. 9.

Look how high the heaven is in compariſon of the earth: ſo great is his mercy alſo toward them that fear him. Ver. 11.

He maketh ſore, and he bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. *Job* v. 8.

He hath ſet his eyes upon us for good: and built us again as at the firſt. Jer. xxiv. 6. & xxxiii. 7.

O that men would therefore praiſe the Lord for his goodneſs: and declare his wonders that he doeth for the children of men! *Pſal.* cvii. 31.

That they would exalt him in the congregation of the people: and praiſe him in the ſeat of the elders! Ver. 32.

Whoſo is wiſe will ponder theſe things: and they ſhall underſtand the loving kindneſs of the Lord. *Ver.* 43.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, *&c.*

Proper Pſalms. XI. XXV. LXXXVI.

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The First Leſſon is, *Nehemiah* the Second, or *Iſaiah* the First Chapter.

¶ After the First Leſſon ſhall follow *Te Deum laudamus*, in *Engliſh*.

The Second Leſſon is, S. *Luke* xxi.

¶ After the Second Leſſon ſhall follow *Benedictus*, in *Engliſh*.

¶ Inſtead of the First Collect at Morning Prayer, ſhall be uſed the Collect for *Aſh-wedneſday*.

¶ After the Litany (which is always to be uſed on this Day) the Prieſt and Clerk, or he that miniſters (ſtill kneeling in the Place where they are accuſtomed to ſay or ſing the Litany), ſhall there repeat *Pſal.* li. And then ſhall be uſed the Suffrages and Prayers (all but the laſt) immediately following the *Commination*.

LOOK down, O Lord, in the bowels of thy mercy, upon the ſorrows and diſtreſſes of thy ſervants; who in the deepeſt ſenſe of thy amazing judgements, and our manifold provocations, lie proſtrate in the duſt before thee.

To thee, O God, holy and true, belong mercy and forgiveneſs; but unto thy people confuſion of face, as it is this day: For we have reſiſted thy judgements, and abuſed thy mercies; we have deſpiſed thy chaſtiſements, and turned thy grace into wantonneſs.

What ſhall we then ſay unto thee, O thou preſerver of men? thou didſt find out the iniquity of thy ſervants, and puniſh them with a vengeance anſwerable to their grievous and crying ſins. Pride, oppreſſion, and fulneſs of bread

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had made this place like unto Sodom, and thou didſt afflict it as Gomorrah.

We acknowledge, O Lord, thy juſtice in all thy proceedings, and the iniquity of our own ways: Yet behold we are all thy people, though hitherto too unthankful and diſobedient: Suffer us therefore to implore thy pity, and the ſounding of thy bowels; and for thy Name's ſake, and for thy mercies ſake, for Chriſt Jeſus' ſake, incline thine ear to us, and ſave us.

Above all, we beſeech thee, abandon us not to ourſelves; but by what method ſoever it ſhall pleaſe thee to reduce us, though to this bitter cup of trembling thou ſhouldſt add more and more grievous afflictions; yet by any, though the ſevereſt courſe, ſubdue us unto thyſelf, and make us ſee the things belonging to our peace, before they be hid from our eyes: that being duly humbled under thy mighty hand, we may be capable of being relieved and exalted in thy due time, through Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the Communion Service, inſtead of the Collect for the Day, ſhall be uſed the Collect for *Aſh-wedneſday*.

The Epiſtle, 1 *Cor.* x. ver. 1. to ver. 14.

The Goſpel, S. *Luke* xiii. to ver. 11. or xvii. ver. 26.

¶ After the Sermon ſhall follow theſe Sentences:

Let your light ſo ſhine before men, that they may ſee your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. S. Matth. v. 16.

Bleſſed be the man that provideth for the ſick and needy: the Lord ſhall deliver him in the time of trouble. Pſalm xli. 1.

¶ After

¶ After the Prayer [*For the whole State of Christ's Church*, &c.] these two Collects shall be used:

WE bless and magnify thy Name, O Lord, for the great mercy thou didst vouchsafe us in the midst of thy just and dreadful judgements. It was of thy goodness that we were not consumed; that when we had provoked thee to give us all up to utter ruin and desolation, and thy hand was stretched out to execute thy whole displeasure upon us; yet thou didst preserve a remnant, and pluck us as a brand out of the fire, that we should not utterly perish in our sins. We beseech thee, by thy mighty convincing Spirit, to awaken our consciences, and to soften our hearts, that so being humbled by thy chastisements, we may by thy goodness be led to repentance, and sin no more, lest a worse thing happen unto us. Give us all grace so faithfully to improve this wonderful dispensation of thy Providence, that thy Name may be glorified, thy people edified, and their souls saved in the day of the Lord: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

O Almighty Lord God, thou governest all things in heaven and earth: Thou commandest the flames, and all the powers of the creation, and they obey thee: They become thy dreadful scourges, whensoever thou art pleased by them to correct a wicked people; but when thou causest thy severity to give place to thy tender compassion, thou sayest unto them, Hitherto shall ye go, and no further; and they hear thy voice. Except thou keepest the City, the watchman waketh but in vain. They alone are safe, whom

whom thou preſerveſt: We therefore humbly commend this Place to thy eſpecial Protection, who art the Defender of all thoſe that love thee, and do thy will, and truſt in thy power and mercy. Grant thy people grace to look back with ſeriouſneſs upon the ſad deſolation, of which a ſolemn Memorial is this day made; and give them thankful hearts to thee, who after thou hadſt pluckt them down, haſt built them up again. Vouchſafe them a due ſenſe of all thoſe iniquities, which are the cauſes of ſuch terrible judgements. Reſtrain us by thy eſpecial grace from any new Provocations, which may kindle thy wrath afreſh, and cauſe it to burn till thou haſt brought us to utter ruin. Preſerve this City from the Rage of Fire, and other ſuch ſad effects of thy heavy diſpleaſure, and from the violence of evil-minded men. Hide the inhabitants thereof under the ſhadow of thy wings; make them thy faithful people, that thou mayeſt be always their gracious Father and mighty Deliverer, through Jeſus Chriſt our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

¶ Here may be added, *The Collects for the Second and Fourth Sunday in Lent*, one, or both together, with the Collect, [*Almighty God, who haſt promiſed*, &c.] at the End of the Communion Service; and then the Prieſt ſhall let them depart with this Bleſſing, *The peace of God*, &c.

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